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**CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH**

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Will the minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether India has undertaken capacity-building programs for women in the Global South to promote their empowerment and leadership;
- (b) if so, the specific initiatives launched, particularly in sectors like education, entrepreneurship, and digital inclusion; and
- (c) the manner in which these efforts align with India's broader commitment to strengthening South-South co-operation in gender equality and social development?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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(a) & (b) Yes. Under the ITEC Scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs, capacity building programmes for government officials/ professionals nominated by foreign governments are being undertaken , which actively encourages participation by women. Since FY 2014-15, a total of 26000+ women have participated in these courses, which accounts for 39% of the total participation. These courses include themes relevant to education, teacher training, women empowerment, skills, entrepreneurship and digital.

Since FY 2023-24, in addition to the regular ITEC courses, women-centric courses for participation by women only, or on women empowerment-related themes are also being conducted. A total of 525 women participants have been trained through 21 such courses conducted till date. Details of these courses are provided in **Appendix I**.

(c) As such, trainings provided bilaterally under ITEC are well recognised and much sought after in the countries of the Global South. These courses are well aligned with our goals of sharing India's development experiences, best practices and expertise with partner countries in the Global South through capacity building and training programs. The courses on capacity building provided under the ITEC scheme utilize the learnings from flagships schemes of Government of India in various sectors, including social sector themes like women empowerment, labour, healthcare, skill development, financial inclusion and education.

**APPENDIX-I**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Title of course</b>	<b>Name of institute</b>	<b>Number of women participated</b>
1	CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON DEVELOPING WOMEN LEADERSHIP	BANKERS INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT	40
2	DEVELOPING WOMEN LEADERSHIP - WOMEN ONLY	BANKERS INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT	24
3	PROGRAMME ON DEVELOPING WOMEN LEADERSHIP	BANKERS INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT	26
4	SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR DIGITAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS IN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - WOMEN ONLY	CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED COMPUTING MOHALI	17
5	SPECIALISED PROGRAMME ON MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT WOMEN ONLY	CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED COMPUTING NOIDA	14
6	WOMEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME - WOMEN ONLY	ENGINEERS INDIA LIMITED	28
7	EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT	ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF INDIA	17
8	EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT - WOMEN ONLY	ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF INDIA	57
9	INTRODUCTION TO THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - WOMEN ONLY	ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE	34
10	LEADERSHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY PROFESSIONALS - WOMEN ONLY	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	33
11	STARTING SMALL SCALE FOOD PROCESSING ENTERPRISES IN MILLETS VALUE CHAIN FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH	INTERNATIONAL CROPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE SEMI ARID TROPICS	14
12	NEW GENERATION COMPETENCIES FOR	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL	21

	AGRIPRENEURS - WOMEN ONLY	EXTENSION MANAGEMENT (MANAGE)	
13	WOMEN AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT A TRAINERS AND PROMOTERS PROGRAM	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	31
14	WOMEN AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT A TRAINERS AND PROMOTERS PROGRAM - WOMEN ONLY	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	24
15	WOMEN AND YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEVELOPMENT TRAINERS AND PROMOTERS PROGRAMME	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	9
16	WOMEN AND YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEVELOPMENT TRAINERS AND PROMOTERS PROGRAMME	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	17
17	INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS/ PROGRAMMES - WOMEN ONLY	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF LABOUR ECONOMICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	28
18	EMPOWERING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT - WOMEN ONLY	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS TRAINING AND RESEARCH	28
19	WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND START-UPS EMPOWERMENT THROUGH INNOVATION	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS TRAINING AND RESEARCH BHOPAL	7
20	NURSING LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - WOMEN ONLY	POST GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	40
21	SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE FOR SIXTEEN WOMEN TV JOURNALISTS OF BANGLADESH ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS	SATYAJIT RAY FILM AND TELEVISION INSTITUTE, KOLKATA	16

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